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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SINO-SOVIET NAVIGATION TALKS

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1. FRG EMBOFF HAS TOLD USLO OF CONVERSATION AUGUST 6
BETWEEN FRG CHARGE AND MFA SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR YU HUNG-LIANG ON THE SUBJECT
OF THE SINO-SOVIET JOINT BORDER NAVIGATION TALKS. YU
TOLD GERMANS THAT THE NAVIGATION COMMISSION HAD MET "A
FEW DAYS BEFORE" IN HEIHO (7815, 3109), HEILUNGKIANG
PROVINCE (HEIHO IS SHOWN ON MOST RECENT MAPS AS
AIHUI.) THIS WAS FIRST SESSION SINCE EARLY 1974
TALKS IN MOSCOW.

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2. YU APPARENTLY DID NOT CHARACTERIZE ACTUAL
PROGRESS OF THE TALKS, BUT RATHER DWELT ON SOME OF THE
CHINESE COMPLAINTS. THESE INCLUDE HARRASSING TACTICS
USED BY LARGE SOVIET SHIPS NEAR SMALL CHINESE VESSELS;
THE USE AT NIGHT OF VERY BRIGHT FLOODLIGHTS WHICH
BLIND CHINESE NAVIGATORS; AND THE INSTALLATION BY
SOVIETS OF WARNING SIGNALS ON THE "CHINESE SIDE"

OF THE RIVER, THUS PREVENTING THE CHINESE FROM PLACING THEIR OWN SIGNALS. (WHILE CONTEXT WAS NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR, YU WAS APPARENTLY REFERRING TO SOVIET TACTICS ON BOTH AMUR AND USSURI OVER PAS SEVERAL YEARS.)

3. ANOTHER PRC COMPLAINT IS SOVIET-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON SALMON FISHING IN THE USSURI RIVER. YU NOTED THAT EVEN THE UNEQUAL TREATIES HAD ACKNOWLEDGED CHINESE FISHING RIGHTS IN THE USSURI, BUT THAT SOVIET-ENFORCED "CONSERVATION MEASURES" NOW RESTRICTED CHINESE FISHERMEN TO A 15-DAY CATCH.

4. YU TOUCHED ON PROBLEM OF HEI-HSIA-TZU ISLAND OPPOSITE KHABAROVSK, BUT PROVIDED NO HINT OF A POSSIBLE MODUS VIVENDI. HE DID SAY THERE WAS NO SOVIET PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND, WHEREAS CHINESE REGULARLY GO THERE TO HUNT AND GATHER HERBS.

5. IN CLOSING, YU ASSURED GERMANS THAT WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THESE TALKS ON NAVIGATION DETAILS, THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF A CHANGE IN OVERALL SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. GERMANS THEN TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO ASK WHETHER RECENT MEDIA REFERENCES TO UNITING ALL POSSIBLE FORCES AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES. YU HEDGED HIS ANSWER BY SAYING IT INCLUDED THE "PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES."
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